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One of the pioneers in modern radio has just returned from a trip to Europe to study the problem of the German peace settlement - and its relation to world peace. He is the American Broadcasting Company's newest executive:

ROBERT SAUDEK

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Saudek feels that radio documentaries should do more than present the facts -- they should give conclusions (and practical ones) on the problem under examination. The ever recurrent problem of "complete coverage" of any situation in the press but limited time on the radio for the most important news will be discussed.

Newspapermen who have gone into radio laugh at the way they used to hate that editorial blue pencil - because now that blue pencil has turned into a clock - and how much can you say in a split second? How much can you explain any given incident?

Saudek interviewed General Clay; Ambassador Robert Murphy; editors of German newspapers; heads of the various political parties and the minister-presidents of the eight German states in the trizone. This ABC executive served overseas with ABSIE during the war.

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C H E S A P E A K E A N D O H I O L I N E S

Hosts for the week of October 18th... Ralph Coniston, October 18th, Monday; Larry Blochman, Tuesday, Oct. 19th; Wednesday... Meeting of the Board; Grace Corson, hostess, Oct. 20th; Thursday, Oct. 21st, Steve Fulton.

BOARD MEMBERS... PLEASE NOTE MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th at 8:30 P.M. IN THE CLUBROOMS.

There will be a meeting of the Membership Committee on Thursday, October 21st, at 5:30 P.M. in the Clubrooms, according to Bob Eckhouse and Louis Lochner, co-chairmen of the committee.

Rita Hume was married in Rome last week to John Secondari of CBS. The couple expect to live in Italy.

Ralph Goldburgh is one of the four editorial men on the New York Times staff here, who are getting out the Paris edition of the paper - flown every day to Paris by Air France - and sold for ten francs on the French newsstands. This edition will be sent over as long as the UN General Assembly is in session - the only difference with the New York edition is that the local items are lifted and some of the local advertising.

At a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee held in the clubrooms, policy ideas for the club were discussed and will be recommended to the coming meeting of the Board of Governors, according to John Barkham, chairman.

Richard Hottelet, chairman of the Awards Committee, asks that members write to him at CBS if they have specific ideas about the awards for 1949. There will be six this year. One for the best reporting from abroad in the press and one for the best radio reporting from abroad. The third will be for the best interpretation of foreign affairs in the press and the fourth for the best interpretation of foreign affairs by radio. The fifth will be for the best photo from abroad, judged from its interpretative quality on foreign affairs, and the sixth will be the George Polk Memorial Award for top foreign correspondence over and above the call of duty.

Membership in the Bulletin Committee has been announced by chairman Joe Rosapepe, financial editor of AP's World Service. This special committee was set up by the Board of Governors to aid in issuing the club's Bulletin. Members include: Ralph Frantz, NYHT; Irving Taubkin, N.Y. Times; Charles Campbell, UP; Ed Hunter, N.Y. Post; Roy Battersby, NBC; Violet Price, TIME; John Martin, INS; Bert Brandt, Acme; Farley Manning, public relations; Ralph Major, Coronet; Hugh Conway, N.Y. World Telegram; Cecil Brown, CBS; Ed Stout, Newsweek; Joseph Willicombe, King Features; John McTigue, ABC; Edith Barber, N.Y. Sun; John Daly, CBS; Ed Muller, Reader's Digest; Richard Chaplin, Collier's. A meeting of the Committee will be held in the near future.



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Pete Huss of the International News Service who is head of the INS coverage of the UN General Assembly writes to friends in New York that Paris is still the same old wonderful town and that Indian summer is just as beautiful there as ever. "There has never been so much confusion concentrated in such small space as here", says Pete. "There is no more PX but we are getting a break in the franc, thank God." It seems that AP is the only outfit which has a direct wire to New York so other press organizations are working under difficulties.

NEWS... NEWS... The OPC's fourth book "AS WE SEE RUSSIA" has gone into its second printing. The contract for the motion picture rights was signed this week with Edward A. Golden, president of Golden Productions.

Press comments on the book written by twenty five members of the club explain why the book has had such success. "As thorough a survey in all probability as was possible" - New Yorker; "Authoritative and objective" - Newsweek; "Enough smart anecdotes to carry one through a winter of dinner parties" - Richmond Times Dispatch; "Informative, seasoned and balanced writing" - Hartford Courant; "Timely, highly informative" Saturday Review of Literature; "There's no other book like it" - Book of the Month Club News; "By far the best" - Executive Book Club; "Articles range from forthright condemnation.. to open admiration and praise" - Best Sellers trade review.

George Kent, roving editor of Reader's Digest, has returned from seven months in Europe on assignment.

Members in Budapest, most of them on "fair visas", tell the story of conscientious Gaston Coblentz, who spent the better part of a day tracking down a story about Buda citizens holding a protest meeting because ladies and gentlemen patronizing a bathing pool sunned themselves nudely in full view of hilltop houses. In Hungary, such civic propriety is a man bites dog story. Coblentz and Ruth Lloyd drove around the city - trying to find the roof the nude bathers were using...

CBS members report that Howard Smith is on leave from the Columbia Broadcasting Company to do a book on eastern Europe. He is in Paris - as are 1500 other newsmen.

Bill Shirer has returned from a short trip to Europe... Geraldine Fitch, Korean correspondent of the New Leader, Asia Calling and others, covered the election of President Rhee for INS. She is now vice president of the Korea-American Association ... Robert Skidmore is finishing a new book.

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Tom Fitzsimmons of the Associated Press, who has been stationed in Italy and the Middle East, is returning to the States on October 19th. We expect to see him in the clubrooms and hear all the news from Italy, Egypt, Greece and Palestine.

Grant Parr, formerly of NBC in the Middle East, has taken a position with the State Department in Washington. He is section chief of the regional news Bulletin -- Middle East -- of the International Press and Publications branch.

Edgar Ansel Mowrer, who has just returned from a trip to Europe, has had a new book published by Borzoi books. It is titled "The Nightmare of American Foreign Policy."

John Thompson of the Chicago-Tribune reviewed the new book "Danger Forward", published by Albert Love Enterprises, which is a collection of stories about the famous 1st Infantry Division. Members of the OPC who have chapters in the book included John Thompson, Jack Belden, H.R. Knickerbocker, Don Whitehead, Ivan Peterman, Iris Carpenter, Ernie Dupuy and Drew Middleton. The book appeared to coincide with the annual reunion of the division held in Philadelphia on Sept. 4th.

BOOKS RECEIVED IN THE OPC LIBRARY OVER PAST FEW WEEKS:

THE GREEK WAY OF CIVILIZATION, by Edith Hamilton, from New American Library of World Lit., Inc.

THE CHINATOWN FAMILY, by Lin Yutang, from John Day, Inc.

THE WAR LORDS OF WASHINGTON, by Bruce Catton, from Harcourt, Brace and Co.

SOUTHERN EMPIRE-BRAZIL, by Bertita Harding, from Coward-McCann, Inc.

STALINGRAD, by Theodor Pliever, from Appleton Century, Inc.

MACARTHUR'S JAPAN, by Russell Brines, from J. B. Lippincott Co.

INVASION DIARY, by Richard Tregaskis, from the author

RUSSIA ASTRIDE THE BALKANS, by Robert Bishop & E. S. Grayfield, from Robert McBride & Co.

Walter Duranty has been found... safe and sound... in New York. He had been in Florida for the last three months.

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In the current issue of Pageant magazine, Will Oursler has an article "Crash Diary"; Eugene Lyons writes of "Our Secret Weapon - the Russian People" and Ray Josephs' piece "Good Business Makes Good Neighbors" promotes better business relations between the United States and South America.

Dan Brigham has been ill in Coatesville, Pa., but is on the road to recovery.

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Cesar Saerchinger is just back from three months in Europe where he spent 2½ weeks in Berlin and broadcast on the airlift crisis daily. He also broadcast from London, Frankfurt, Paris, etc. and interviewed Clay, Sforza, Cripps, Bevin, etc. Cesar is now off on a lecture tour for W. Colston Leigh.

Percy Forster, INS Bureau chief in Buenos Aires, writes that on his recent trip to New York, he was hemmed in with work from the moment of his arrival until he stepped on the plane for his return journey. However, he expects to be back in New York some time soon and then we hope to see him in the club.

Bill Winter and his wife, Celia, have been signed as American correspondents of the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Bill does a three-times-weekly news commentary to Anzac land and his wife does a "Woman's Magazine" program - transcribed here and flown to Sydney for coast-to-coast broadcast in Australia.

More than 110 members and guests jammed to the gills the Overseas Press clubrooms in the Times Building to hear Richard Tregaskis, roving reporter of True Magazine, and to chance the prize on the trip to Venezuela. Bob Considine presided and Babs Lee, just back from Europe, drew the lucky numbers. Joe Peters of the American Weekly was the first winner; runners-up were Eddie Rosenthal of Reader's Scope; Lucian Kirtland; Ken Porter and Louis Lochner. Peters expects to make the trip sometime soon.

The bar and the buffet withstood the onslaught of members pretty well - the barman has decided that OPC members are Scotch drinkers almost exclusively - and next in choice, bourbon. Dick Tregaskis regaled members with some of the choice stories of Australia and the Far East. Glimpsed around were Hilda Kassell, Earl Chapin May, Eric Palmer, Jerome Ross; Fred Sparks, Roland Gask, David Page, Larry Audrain of Prestige Pictures, etc.

Leland Case, editor of the Rotarian magazine, has contributed his magazine to the club library. Case says that he uses many articles from overseas writers - Paul Ghali, for instance - which would interest our membership.

According to latest report, PIC, magazine for men, folded last week. Staff was given forty-eight hours notice of the closing of the publication.

Ivan Dmitri has just returned from eight months spent in photographing (still and movies) the Middle East and Southern Europe.

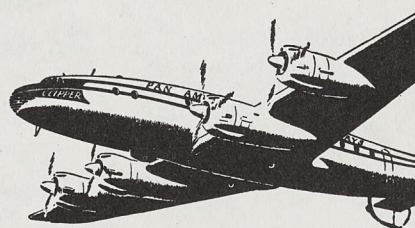
Charles Engelke of the United Press in Philadelphia reports that Gerald Rock, former UP manager in India, has returned to the States and been named business representative for western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and eastern Ohio.

H. V. Kaltenborn's series of four articles on his recent European trip has been published by more than fifty leading American newspapers. The articles dealt with the results of the Marshall Plan, the Austrian situation, Pope Pius and industry in Czechoslovakia.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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